

## Department of Veterans Affairs

## § 52.180

(c) *Availability of acute care.* The program management must provide or arrange for the provision of acute care when it is indicated.

(d) *Availability of physicians for emergency care.* In case of an emergency, the program management must provide or arrange for the provision of physician services when the program has participants under its care.

(e) *Physician delegation of tasks.* (1) A primary physician may delegate tasks to:

(i) A certified physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner, or

(ii) A clinical nurse specialist who—

(A) Is acting within the scope of practice as defined by State law; and

(B) Is under the supervision of the physician.

(2) The primary physician may not delegate a task when the provisions of this part specify that the primary physician must perform it personally, or when the delegation is prohibited under State law or by the facility's own policies.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1741–1743)

(The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this paragraph under control number 2900–0160.)

### § 52.160 Specialized rehabilitative services.

(a) *Provision of services.* If specialized rehabilitative services such as, but not limited to, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and mental health services for mental illness are required in the participant's comprehensive plan of care, program management must—

(1) Provide the required services; or

(2) Obtain the required services and equipment from an outside resource, in accordance with § 52.210(h), from a provider of specialized rehabilitative services.

(b) Specialized rehabilitative services must be provided under the written order of a physician by qualified personnel.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1741–1743)

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### § 52.170 Dental services.

(a) Program management must, if necessary, assist the participant and family/caregiver—

(1) In making appointments; and

(2) By arranging for transportation to and from the dental services.

(b) Program management must promptly assist and refer participants with lost or damaged dentures to a dentist.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1741–1743)

### § 52.180 Administration of drugs.

The program management must assist with the management of medication and have a system for disseminating drug information to participants and program staff.

(a) *Procedures.* (1) The program management must provide reminders or prompts to participants to initiate and follow through with self-administration of medications.

(2) The program management must establish a system of records to document the administration of drugs by participants and/or staff.

(3) The program management must ensure that drugs and biologicals used by participants are labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles, and include the appropriate accessory and cautionary instructions, and the expiration dates when applicable.

(4) The program management must store all drugs, biologicals, and controlled schedule II drugs listed in 21 CFR 1308.12 in locked compartments under proper temperature controls, permit only authorized personnel to have access, and otherwise comply with all applicable State and Federal laws.

(b) *Service consultation.* The program management must employ or contract for the services of a pharmacist licensed in the State in which the program is located who provides consultation, as needed, on all the provision of drugs.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1741–1743)

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